

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th August 2019

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The August meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place tomorrow night Monday, 26th of August 2019 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Plans for the upcoming IRTS SSB Field Day which takes place over the weekend of the 7th & 8th September will be finalized. All members of the group are asked to please attend, and as always, new members are very welcome to attend also.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 27th August at 20:30 in the Roscommon Sub Aqua Clubhouse, Racecourse Road, Roscommon.

Also, the club invites all bulletin listeners to please visit the club's new website which can be found at www.sbrcl.ie

In addition an ear can be kept open for the club's calls EI3Z/P and EI2SBC/P during the upcoming SSB Field Day and Counties contests.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 27th August at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can attend any of their meetings. You can also check out their website www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club members activated Loop Head Lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend . This year twelve club members attended over the weekend with a core group of five covering Friday evening to Sunday. Two of their new club members worked their first pile up.

The club rigs, ICOM 756 PRO and Kewood TS940 were used along with antennas provided by Brendan (EI0CZ) G5RV and Joe's (EI6HHB) Alpha Delta.

A total of 1123 QSOs were logged, across 26 countries with the Federal Republic of Germany leading the way.

Bands used were 17, 20, 30, 40 and 80.

CW and SSB were the only modes used with CW accounting for just over 600 and SSB almost 500 QSOs.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

Final reminder that the next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 14th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 31st October.

UKEICC DX

The UKEICC DX contest is a HF event in which UK and EU entrants can take part. It starts at 1200 UTC next Saturday 31st August and runs for 24 hours. It is SSB-only on the five contest bands from 10 to 80 metres. There is no clash with other HF contests, and EI/GI stations will be in demand as each of the 32 counties is a multiplier.

In 2017, EI9HQ (single-op) and EI1E (multi-op) showed it can be won from EI. Single-op entrants can choose between 12 and 24-hour sections.

See ukeicc.com for the rules, and ei5di.com for free logging software. There's also a 12-hour section to make it easier for single-op entrants.

DX News

Francesco IV3TMM will be on the air as 9U3TMM from Bujumbura in Burundi from 31st August – 17th September. Look for him on 60 – 6m on SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Members of the Russian Robinson Club will activate Sledge Island in Alaska from 28th August – 2nd September. This one counts as NA-210 for the Islands on the Air Award and the callsign to be used is KL7RRC/P. QSL info is via Club Log OQRS.

Ken LA7GIA has received permission to use the callsign 6O7O (Six-Oscar-Seven-Oscar) from Somalia. His plan is to be active for two weeks during September. Exact dates will be announced in due course. He will be on all bands 10 – 160m mainly on CW but with some SSB and FT8 also. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

A Polish group will operate as EX6QP from Kyrgystan from 2nd – 15th September. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Arie PD0ARI will mark the closing on 31st August 1974 of the offshore pirate stations Radio Veronica and Radio Northsea International by operating the special event station PD538RNI from 28th August – 26th September. QSL via his home call.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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